

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING

Holiday Inn West Conference Center

7501 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing

September 15, 2006

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and reinforced the purpose and primary role of the Commission. Chairperson Kennedy also extended her gratitude to the area agencies on aging (AAA) for the work they do on behalf of seniors in Michigan.

Commissioner Guilfoyle was recognized for her participation as acting chair at the August Commission meeting. Chairperson Kennedy also thanked Consumers Energy for their support of seniors across Michigan and their sponsorship of the Senior Citizen of the Year awards.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Owen Bieber, Cheryl Bollinger, Rose Gill, Annette Guilfoyle, Jerutha Kennedy, Chun-Keung Leung, Donald Newport, Anthony Pawelski, Thomas Rau, Ramesh Verma, William Walters IV, Janice Wilson, and James Wright

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused)

Albert Lewis and Sonia Harb

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (Un-excused)

None

OSA STAF PRESENT

Bonnie Graham, Cindy Albrecht, Steve Betterly, Peggy Brey, Janis Bowlin, Dan Doezema, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry, and Holliace Spencer

VISITORS/GUEST PRESENT

Bob Brown, Kathy Boles, Kathy Becker, Karen Courneya, Misty Dragiewicz, Karla Fales, Tom Horwath, Monique James, Bruce King, Conrad Kramer, Sidney Lipsey, Jim McGuire, Jonathan Mead, Marion Owen, Donna Hobart, Greg Piaskowski, Zane Rybkowski, and Angela Willis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Guilfoyle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Leung made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2006, meeting. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Verma suggested that in the future the member representing the Commission as a judge for the Senior Citizen of the Year awards actually present the awards during the ceremonies at the State Fair. This honor would help compensate the commissioner for the significant time spent in reading and scoring all of the applications. Chairperson Kennedy supported Commissioner Verma's recommendation and indicated she would have no problem relinquishing her role in the presentations as chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Guilfoyle raised for discussion the Senate's recent refusal to act on a number of board and commission appointments made by the Governor. Commissioner Guilfoyle expressed concern the boards and commissions affected by these appointments may be unable to conduct business given insufficient membership. Commissioner Guilfoyle made a motion to adopt a resolution urging the Senate to immediately resume consideration of all appointments forwarded by the Governor so the boards and commissions can function as specified in law and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Chairperson Kennedy requested that a letter be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate informing them of the resolution.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None

OSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Peggy Brey attended on behalf of Director Gire who was making a number of presentations in the Upper Peninsula and could attend today's meeting. Deputy Director Brey welcomed everyone, as well as recognizing a number of individuals from the AAA's. Deputy Director Brey shared the following:

UPDATES

- ✓ Spoke in Wayne and Canton to UAW Retirees
- ✓ Taped a radio program with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan about older workers and the SCSEP program.
- ✓ Taped two spots for Comcast newsmakers, which will air this fall.
- ✓ Attended a U.P. Senior Convention and Expo in Escanaba, and an RSVP Recognition event in Hancock.

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

- ✓ August 28, 2006 Senior Citizen of the Year awards were presented at the State Fair.

STAFF SURROGATES

- ✓ Holliace Spencer, OSA staff, spoke at the 25th Anniversary of Restoration Towers, September 10 in Detroit on behalf of OSA.

- ✓ Peggy Brey, Deputy Director, spoke at the annual conference of the Elderlaw and Advocacy Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

GREEN HOUSE PROJECTS

- ✓ OSA is working with an initiative starting in Detroit in the development of Green Houses, which will hopefully expand throughout Michigan.
- ✓ The Green House concept is taking a skilled nursing type facility and making it a home environment with no more than 10 individuals living there.

AGING NETWORK AND AMERICAN INDIAN FORUM

- ✓ OSA is continuing to work with the Aging Network and American Indian Forum to look into elder issues and how we can assist.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY STRATEGIC PLAN

- ✓ OSA has a template for this plan and will share with the Commission once it has been tested.

AOA GRANT ON EVIDENCE-BASED EFFORT

- ✓ Notification will be by September 30, for those who applied.

ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

- ✓ The final report is still being reviewed by the Governor's Office.

OTHER

- ✓
- ✓ OSA and DCH are working together to make sure seniors are aware of the importance of flu shots as flu season approaches.
- ✓ Jane Church, OSA staff, has officially transitioned to the Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Before the start of business, Chairperson Kennedy noted that at the last Commission meeting there was significant discussion on Area Agency on Aging Implementation Plans concerning per person cost for providing care management. Chairperson Kennedy introduced Hollace Spencer, OSA staff, to update the Commission.

Mr. Spencer stated that care management costs are generally estimated by application of a formula based on a state average of \$2,000 per client, per year. Detroit has not used the formula to estimate costs in the past but will in the future. Mr. Spencer stated that while the formula is used for planning purposes, care management costs vary significantly in different areas of the state and therefore, may not be an appropriate basis for comparison. Mr. Spencer explained the acuity level of care management recipients often influence the actual cost of providing that service in areas such as Detroit where seniors have less access to health care, more chronic diseases, and often die earlier than their non-urban counterparts. Mr. Spencer further explained that the report, "Dying Before Their Time" documents the higher mortality rates and explains the variables that contribute to this concern. Mr. Spencer stated he would obtain copies of "Dying Before Their Time" report for new commissioners who had not had the

opportunity to hear presentations previously made to the Commission regarding the issue.

FY 2007 State Allocations for Caregiver Respite Program

Dan Doezenia, OSA staff, presented for approval the FY 2007 State Allocations for the Caregiver Respite Program. Mr. Doezenia stated the Caregiver Respite Program is supported by Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of \$5 million. The proposed allocations are for grants to the non-AAA HCBS/ED Medicaid Waiver agents for administration of the programs. Tobacco Settlement funds for AAAs are allocated by formula and included in each multi-year and annual implementation plan. Each non-AAA HCBS/ED Medicaid Waiver agent also completes a multi-year and annual implementation plan to receive these funds. The plans have been reviewed by OSA and found to satisfy all pertinent program plan approval criteria.

Mr. Doezenia stated the allocations are contingent upon the appropriation and receipt of Tobacco Settlement Funds allocated to OSA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to approve the FY 2007 State Allocations for Caregiver Respite Program and seconded by Commissioner Wright. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed regarding fund availability and disbursement.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for U.P. Area Agency on Aging UPCAP Services (PSA 11)

Dan Doezenia, OSA staff, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present the U.P. Area Agency on Aging UPCAP Services 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan and FY 2007 Annual Implementation Plan. Mr. Doezenia introduced Mr. Jonathan Mead, Executive Director of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging.

Mr. Doezenia discussed several highlights of the MYP/AIP, including the selection of UPCAP as one of the four demonstration Single Point of Entry (SPE) projects, continuing efforts to develop kinship care services, the Long-Term Care Innovations Projects, and the transition of the Quality Assurance system into a Quality Management Collaborative.

Public hearings on the MYP were held on April 25 and May 18, 2006 (a summary of the public comments were included in Commissioners' packets). All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the planning and service area (PSA). No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices require approval: Appendix F – Regional Service Definition – service and benefits coordination, and Appendix J – Waiver for Direct Provision of Service for care management, information and assistance, elder abuse education, and the long term care ombudsman program.

Mr. Doezenia stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance, care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Mr. Doezenia requested the Commission's approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for U.P. Area Agency on Aging/UPCAP Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for U.P. Area Agency on Aging/UPCAP Services and seconded by Commissioner Guilfoyle. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed with clarification of what the difference is between service and benefits coordination and case management. Also, questions were asked pertaining to the increase of client pre-screenings and assessments. Mr. Mead explained they project the increase as a result of the SPE demonstration program. Mr. Mead extended a thank you to OSA and the Commission.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (PSA 10)

Dan Doezenia, OSA staff, introduced Greg Piaskowski, Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan.

Mr. Doezenia presented a summary of the MYP/AIP stating that public hearings on the plans were held on April 20 and May 4, 2006 (a summary of the public comments were included in the Commissioners' packets). All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the PSA. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices require approval: Appendix F – Regional Service Definitions, private duty nursing, grandparent/other older relative caregiver support, and supplemental services, Appendix G – Request to Transfer funds, Appendix J – Waiver for Direct Provision of Services for information and assistance, and care management.

Mr. Doezenia stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance, care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Mr. Doezenia requested the Commission's approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and seconded by Commissioner Verma. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed on the direct services provided by the AAA, legal assistance, grandparent support, and the dining out program. Commissioner Verma asked different ethnic cultures are accommodated in the dining out program. Mr. Doezenia stated that older adults of different ethnic and racial compositions only represent 1% of the PSA and no concerns had been voiced regarding the meals provided although the AAA could certainly look into the issue further.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region IX Area Agency on Aging Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (PSA 9)

Dan Doezenia, OSA staff, introduced Misty Dragiewicz, Region IX AAA Contract Manager.

Mr. Doezenia presented a summary of the MYP/AIP stating public hearings were held on June 1 and 6, 2006 (a summary of the public comments were included in the Commissioners' packets). All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the PSA. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices require approval: Appendix J - Waiver for Direct Provision of Service of care management, congregate and home delivered meals project management, elder abuse prevention, long term care ombudsman, Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program outreach, and state access and Appendix L – Waiver of Minimum Percentage for Priority Service Category – Access.

Mr. Doezenia stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance, care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Mr. Doezenia highlighted future activities included in the MYP/AIP that focus on creating safe, secure and receptive communities for older adults and to establish a SPE to assure independent choices.

Mr. Doezenia stated the AAA has been extensively involved in assisting the Otsego County Commission on Aging in testing the "Elder-Friendly Communities" criteria developed by Michigan State University Extension.

Mr. Doezenia requested the Commission's approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region IX Area Agency on Aging of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walters to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region IX Area Agency on Aging of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 1-B Area Agency on Aging

Janis Bowlin, OSA staff, introduced Jim McGuire, Director of Planning and Advocacy for Region 1-B AAA.

Ms. Bowlin presented a summary of the MYP/AIP. Public hearings on the MYP were held on June 1, 2006 (a summary of the public comments were included in Commissioners' packets) in Port Huron and Southfield. All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the planning and service area. No local

governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices require approval: Appendix A – Input Forums and Public Hearings, Appendix E – Planned Entrepreneurial Activities, Appendix F – Regional Service Definition(s), Appendix H – Nutritionist Budget, and Appendix J – Wavier for Direct Provision of Service for care management, health benefits education and information and assistance, and Appendix K – Michigan Senior Refugee Support Project.

Ms. Bowlin stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance, care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Ms. Bowlin stated that AAA 1-B raised private funding to support the “You Decide: Senior Driving Awareness Program (SDAP). The goal of this program is to keep older adults safely mobile through the provision of information and support designed to assist with good mobility decision-making. The program was able to assist 608 individuals in 2005 and is expected to expand in 2007 through the call center and other mechanisms.

Ms. Bowlin requested Commission approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region 1-B Area Agency on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guilfoyle to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region 1-B Area Agency on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Rau. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A brief discussion followed with Commissioner Verma expressing interest in their call center. Mr. McGuire explained the call center and stated that all call center staff are AIRS certified.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Valley Area Agency on Aging (PSA 5)

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, introduced Kathryn Boles, Executive Director of Valley Area Agency on Aging.

Ms. McMurtry presented a summary of the MYP/AIP. Public hearings were held on April 11, 12, and 13, 2006 (a summary of the public hearings included in Commissioners’ packets). All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the PSA. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices required approval: Appendix F – Regional Service Definition(s) for hearing impaired access, and case coordination and support, Appendix H – Nutritionist Budget, and Appendix J – Wavier for Direct Provision of Service for care management, case coordination and support, including home delivered meal assessments, and information and assistance.

Ms. McMurtry stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance,

care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Ms. McMurtry requested Commission approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Valley Area Agency on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Valley Area Agency on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Bollinger. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

A discussion followed with Commissioner Wilson congratulating Valley Area Agency on Aging on their work towards assisting seniors with hearing impairments. She also was interested in hearing more about the "Big Wheels Deliver Meals" program. Ms. Boles explained how elected officials in the PSA are recruited to deliver meals so they can meet the clients and have a chance to talk to them about their concerns and needs. Commissioner Newport inquired if the area agencies share successful initiatives such as the "Big Wheels Deliver Meals" program with each other. It was noted that ideas and activities are presented at the area agencies directors meetings and some agencies use newsletters to inform others of initiatives and activities in the region. Commissioner Guilfoyle stated she would like to hear more about their transportation initiative and invited the AAA to do a presentation for the CSA.

Approval of Program Year (PY) 2006 Nine-Month Program Allocations for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, presented a request for approval of SCSEP funding allocations for the remaining nine months of PY 2006. Ms. McMurtry stated that OSA received approval from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) in July 2006, to use an amended allocation of slots based on how these slots were distributed in past years. Although the Michigan allocation of SCSEP slots decreased slightly, OSA is generally able to maintain the allocation of slots at the same level as from PY 2005, preventing the displacement of SCSEP enrollees in some PSAs.

Ms. McMurtry stated that OSA is committed to program equity across the state and will work toward equitable distribution targets through quarterly reviews of sub-grantees financial and placement performance. If necessary, SCSEP funds will be reprogrammed from under-performing agencies to under-served counties in regions that are meeting performance targets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the PY 2006 Nine-Month Program Allocations for SCSEP and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 12-0-1 vote with Commissioner Pawelski abstaining.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/ 2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Tri-County Office on Aging (PSA 6)

Laura McMurtry, OSA staff, introduced Donna Hobart, Assistant Director for the Tri-County Office on Aging.

Ms. McMurtry presented a summary of the MYP/AIP. Public hearings were held on May 11, 18, and 19, 2006 (a summary of the public hearings included in

Commissioners' packets). All services to be funded comply with approved OSA service definitions. A copy of the MYP/AIP was sent to each county board of commissioners in the PSA. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans and there are no special conditions. Several appendices require approval: Appendix F – Regional Service Definition(s), crisis services/energy assistance, senior fitness & physical education activity, and volunteer transportation services, Appendix G – Request to Transfer Funds to transfer funds from Title C1 Congregate Nutrition to Title IIIB Supportive Services, Appendix H Nutritionist Budget, and Appendix J – Wavier for Direct Provision of Service for care management, case coordination, outreach, caregiver information and assistance, congregate and home delivered meals nutrition program, and Appendix K – Senior Refugee Support Services Project.

Ms. McMurtry stated that OSA has also determined, and incorporated into its FY 2004-2007 State Plan, that access services, including outreach, information and assistance, care management, and case coordination and support services are directly related to area agency functions, and may be provided directly by area agencies in Michigan.

Ms. McMurtry requested Commission approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Tri-County Office on Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollinger to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Tri-County Office on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Guilfoyle. The Commission approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

No discussion followed.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region VII Area Agency on Aging

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Bruce King, Executive Director, and Zane Rybkowski, Program Manager, for Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

Mr. Betterly presented for Commission approval the FY 2007-09 MYP and FY 2007 AIP for Region VII Area Agency on Aging. Region VII is in compliance with OSA's operating standards and policies.

Public hearings regarding the plan were held on April 26, and May 10, 2006. Included in the MYP/AIP is a summary of the public hearings. In addition, the area agency submitted a copy of the MYP/AIP to each local unit of government within the planning and service area. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans. There are no special conditions requested, but several appendices that need approval: Appendix G – Request to Transfer Funds to transfer from Title III-C1 Congregate Nutrition Services to Title III-B Supportive Services for in-home services, and Appendix J: Administration of Direct Services for care management, case coordination and support, and information and assistance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walters to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region VII Area Agency on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Rau. The Commission approved with a 12-0-1 vote with Commissioner Pawelski abstaining.

A brief discussion followed.

Approval of 30-Day Extension of FY 2006 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging

Steve Betterly, OSA staff, introduced Conrad Kramer, Region 3-B AAA Executive Director, Karla Fales, Program Manager, and Tom Horwath, CFO.

Mr. Betterly presented for approval a 30-day extension of FY 2006 AIP for Region 3-B AAA stating the extension will allow Region 3-B to continue operating under the approved FY 2006 AIP thru October 31, 2006.

Mr. Betterly stated the extension is necessary due to continued concerns about the financial difficulties of the agency's senior center operations and the impact those difficulties may have on the overall financial health of the AAA. Region 3-B has been operating with a deficit since July 31, 2006.

Mr. Betterly noted the approval of the FY 2006 AIP last year included a special condition requiring the development of a "business plan addressing the organization's long term financial stability" (Special Condition #1). In response, Region 3-B approved a contingency plan to separate the agency's senior center operations from their AAA operations after December 2006.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guilfoyle to approve the 30-Day Extension of FY 2006 AIP for Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

No discussion followed.

Approval of FY 2007-09 Multi-Year Plan (MYP)/ 2007 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Region 1-C The Senior Alliance

Janis Bowlin, OSA staff, introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director, and Monique James, Deputy Director and Planner of Region 1-C The Senior Alliance.

Ms. Bowlin presented a summary of the MYP/AIP. Public hearings were held on June 7, 2006 in Romulus and on June 12, 2006 in Wayne County.

In addition, the area agency submitted a copy of the MYP/AIP to each local unit of government within the planning and service area. No local governments raised any issues of concern regarding the plans. Approval of two special conditions on the plan is requested. Special Conditions 1 and 2 relate to the remaining liability for funds owed to Wayne County and the continuing requirement to submit a monthly update on the AAA's corrective action plan approved by OSA. Although 76% percent of the liability has been resolved, the existence of any remaining liability warrants continuance of the special conditions through FY 2007.

Approval of several appendices is requested: Appendix A – Input Forums & Public Hearings, Appendix E – Planned Entrepreneurial Activities, Appendix H – Nutritionist Budget, Appendix I – Agreement for Receipt of Supplemental Cash-in-Lieu of Commodity Payments, Appendix J: Administration of Direct Services for care management, case coordination and support, caregiver training, medication management, outreach, and information and assistance, Appendix K – Michigan Senior Refugee Support Project.

Ms. Bowlin requested Commission approval of the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region 1-C/The Senior Alliance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the FY 2007-09 MYP and 2007 AIP for Region 1-C/The Senior Alliance and seconded by Commissioner Pawelski. The Commission approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

A discussion followed with Commissioner Guilfoyle commending The Senior Alliance for the significant progress the agency has made in the past year. Mr. Brown thanked the Commission and commended the hard work of his staff. Mr. Brown also informed the Commission that Wayne County has provided The Senior Alliance and D-AAA additional county funds in FY 2007 for chore services. The ability to match these funds for Medicaid has greatly increased the number of older adults that can be served.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Walters noted he just finished his first year on the Commission and stated it has been a very rewarding experience.

Commissioner Wilson recommended to the Commission a book called "What Are Old People For" written by William H. Thomas, M.D.

Chairperson Kennedy stated she was invited to visit Clare and Gladwin Counties and invited Commissioners to visit with her.

Commissioner Guilfoyle made a motion to hold a strategic planning session to discuss advocacy issues with OSA staff after the November Commission meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A copy of the August Corrective Plan of Action progress report from The Senior Alliance is included in the Commission folders.

The next meeting of the Commission on Services to the Aging will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2006 at the Holiday Inn West Conference Center, Lansing.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council will be held on October 5, 2006, 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West Conference Center, Lansing. Commissioner Rau volunteered to attend the next State Advisory Council meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pawelski and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.